

Appl. No. 09/641,437
Amdt. Dated September 20, 2004
Reply to Office action of May 21, 2004
Attorney Docket No. P11845/27943-00392
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 15, 18, 19, and 21-23; Claims 2, 3, 7, 16, 17 and 20 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4-6, 8-15, 18-19 and 21-27 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections - Claims

The Examiner objected to Claims 7, 8, 20, 21 as to being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 and independent Claim 15 to include the allowable subject matter of Claims of 7 and 20, respectively including any intervening claims. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested for now pending claims.

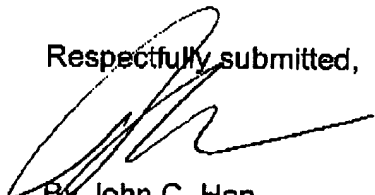
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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